

53. In this group, claim 53 is resubmitted and claim 54 is amended. It is believed that all of these claims as now presented, define patentable invention and are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are requested.

In the rejection of claim 1, the term "unique identifier" has been interpreted in the Office Action as defined by the window, shape of the container, model number, patent number, etc. as applied to the Shu reference, for example. Such interpretation will distinguish the claimed dispenser from other types of dispensers, but not from other dispensers of the same type. Therefore, the present amendment clarifies Applicant's intent that a dispenser covered by the claim has an identifier which, being unique, will distinguish it and the dispenser which has it, from other hand treatment agent dispensers. For example, if there are more than 1 hand treatment agent dispensers being used in a monitoring system, which dispensers have the same window, shape of container, model number, or patent number, Applicant's invention as now claimed in amended claim 1, distinguishes each dispenser in the system from each other dispenser by an identifier on each and which is different from the identifiers on the other dispensers. This is one of the features contributing to Applicant's system for monitoring the usage of personal hand sanitizing dispensers. At no time would two dispenser users have dispensers with the same dispenser identifier. With the present amendment, claim 1 patentably distinguishes from the references cited in the Office Action. The claim also patentably distinguishes from the references listed in the Information Disclosure Statements previously filed and the one filed herewith in this application, the latter IDS listing references which have been discovered recently as using the term "unique identifier" in connection with other types of systems and things. Thus it is evident that the "unique identifier" terminology is used in other fields but, to the best of Applicant's knowledge, such is not employed in or suggested for hand

treatment agent dispensers. Therefore it is submitted that claim 1 as now amended, defines patentable invention and allowable.

In addition to the foregoing and regarding some of the claims depending from claim 1, the Shu reference does not disclose or suggest a piston pump as recited in Applicant's claim 10 and incorporated by referenced in claim 11. The Shu reference also does not show or suggest means on the housing for receiving a guide in a control station as recited in Applicant's claim 13. Clearly the notches 12 in the Shu reference and the spring latch plates 21 for latching the housing disclosed in the Shu reference, cannot be fairly construed as and clearly do not suggest, the guides and the notches mentioned in Applicant's claims 13 and 14, or guide rod mentioned in claim 16 and from which claim 17 depends. These additional recitals in Applicant's claims 13 and 14, and 16 and 17 are neither shown in or suggested in the Shu reference.

Regarding the Villaveces reference, there is nothing found which either discloses or suggests a unique identifier as now presented in Applicant's claim 1 as amended. For this reason, this claim as now amended patentably defines over the Villaveces.

Referring to the rejection of claim 53, we do not find in the references, a teaching that the replaceable cartridges are adapted to organization with other like cartridges in a control station for sequential release from such control station. Therefore, it is submitted that this claim defines patentable invention and is allowable.

Claim 54, depending from claim 53 is amended in somewhat the same way as claim 1, but is specific to the replaceable hand cleaning agent cartridges. Therefore, for the same reasons as discussed above relative to claim 1, it is submitted that this amended claim 54 defines patentable invention and is allowable.

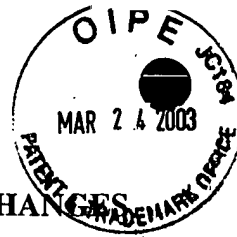
Claims 55, 56 and 69 are submitted to be allowable along with claim 53 from which they depend directly or indirectly.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. Allowance thereof is solicited so that this application may mature into a patent.

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VERSION WITH MARKED CHANGES

Claims 1 and 54 have been amended as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A hand treatment agent dispenser comprising:
a housing;
means on said housing for storing the agent;
at least one port on said housing;
means on said housing coupled to said means for storing and to said port for discharging
said agent from said means for storing and out from said dispenser through said port; and
a ~~unique~~ an identifier on the dispenser, said identifier being unique among hand treatment
agent dispenser identifiers, to distinguish said dispenser from other hand treatment agent
dispensers.

54. (Once Amended) The dispenser of claim 53 and wherein:
the cartridge has a ~~unique~~ an identifier, said identifier being unique among identifiers for
replaceable cartridges for storing hand treatment agents, to distinguish said cartridge from other
replaceable cartridges for storing hand treatment agents.